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The Oleta River State Recreation Area is located on the banks of the scenic Oleta River and Biscayne Bay in the midst of metropolitan Dade County. The park can be reached by land, U.S. 1 (also known as Biscayne Boulevard) and by water, Biscayne Bay and the Oleta River. This area was the original site for the InterAmerican Cultural and Trade Center of Miami. However, in the late 1970s, the state acquired the property from the Interama Authority to create a prototype for parks in the rapidly growing urban areas of Florida. This park was planned with one idea in mind: "To bring the out-of-doors experience to the surrounding urban area."

Oleta River's mangrove forests, tropical hammocks and surrounding waters provide natural habitat for many different animals. Birds that may be seen vary with the time of the day as well as the season of the year. Land mammals and reptiles are seen year-round. Aquatic mammals, dolphins and the endangered manatee also visit the park.

Canoeing the Oleta River provides an interesting route to explore the natural resources of this area. Picnicking facilities, 1,200 feet of beach for swimming and uses of biking and jogging paths are other ways to appreciate this unique urban Florida state park.

PARK INTERPRETATION

Nature Walk - Park rangers give guided nature walks. Canoe Use Program: park rangers provide instructional programs to teach people proper ways to paddle and steer or guide canoes.

PROTECTION

All plants and animals are protected in state parks. Do not remove, deface, mutilate or molest these natural resources. For your safety, regulations prohibiting the feeding of animals are enforced. For further information regarding park regulations, ask a park ranger.

ORIGINAL NATURAL FLORIDA

State park lands are managed to appear as they did when the first Europeans arrived. Consumptive uses, including hunting, live-stock grazing and timber removal, are not permitted. Florida state parks fulfill an important purpose as representative examples of "Original Natural Florida."

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The park offers biking, canoeing, picnicking, swimming, saltwater fishing and boating.



BIKING: 1.5-mile bicycle path is for biking and jogging.



PICNICKING: Picnic areas are located throughout the park. Whether on land or water, please do not litter.



CANOEING: The Oleta River is ideal for canoeing.



SWIMMING: 1,200 feet of white-sand beach located on Biscayne Bay. For an enjoyable visit, beware of sunburn, even when in the water. Please do not swim beyond the designated swimming area.



FISHING: A variety of saltwater fish are found in park waters. Fishing within the park must conform to the regulations concerning size, number, method of capture and season. Ask a park ranger for details.

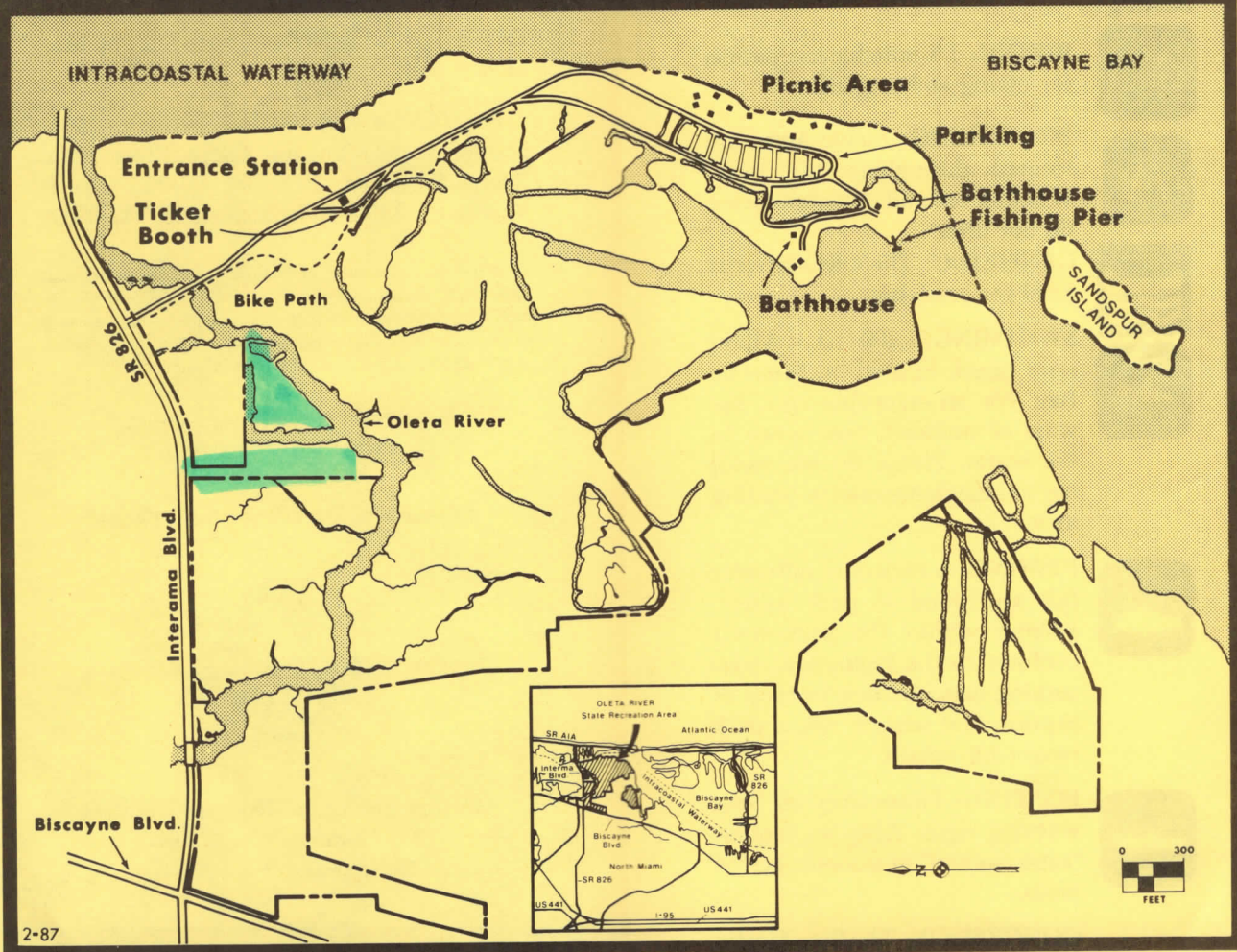


BOATING: Please obey all boat warning signs. Also, we request "extra caution" in manatee-posted areas.

CONCESSION: The Blue Marlin specializes in smoked fish. Also snack foods, drinks and bait & tackle. Boatslips are rented at the facility.

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Some facilities and activities are accessible to the handicapped. See a park ranger for special needs.

FEES: See the Fees and Facilities brochure.

HOURS: The park opens at 8 a.m. and closes at sunset year-round.

PETS: Must be on a six-foot, hand-held leash and well-behaved at all times. They are not permitted in the campground, swimming area or any park building.

INTOXICANTS: Not permitted in any area of this park.

For further information, write or telephone, Park Manager, Oleta River State Recreation Area, P.O. Box 601305, North Miami, FL 33160. Telephone: (305) 947-6357.

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